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FEW HOMESTEADERS.

Most of the litigation accruing from the great Southern Oregon land rush of a year ago has come to an end. In only a few instances have the cases reached the highest land tribunal, the Secretary of the Interior. The records of the local land office at Lakeview show that there are still several cases not finally settled, but most of these are now pending before the Commissioner of the General Land Office. The cases that remain undetermined are those wherein homesteaders and timber and stone entrymen were in conflict, and where the former have made a conscientious effort to comply with the laws governing homestead entries. It is likely that most of these cases will go to the Secretary of the Interior for final determination.

It is estimated that of the hundreds of homesteaders who located in the pine belt during the Fall of 1907, less than two dozen are now residing upon their claims, and most of these are involved in contest proceedings brought by parties who are encouraged by the decisions rendered by the Lakeview office.

The exodus of homesteaders from the timber begun early in the Winter, following the land rush. Those who had secured clear flings relinquished substituting timber and stone applications. Those in conflict with other claimants either compromised or else gave up in disgust and returned to the more comfortable homes which had been abandoned in the hope of securing others in Uncle Sam's domain.

One particular section in the forest north of Bly, which had from three to six homesteaders upon every quarter section, every one of them living in a comfortable cabin, now has not a single settler residing upon it, and the entire section has passed into the ownership of individuals through the timber and stone channel. The few settlers who are still residing in the woods, hoping against hope, that the Secretary of the Interior will decide the pending contests in their favor, now reside miles apart and added to the hardships incident to homesteading is the extreme loneliness incurred only by the absence of all human associates.—Telegram.

PUBLIC'S SHARE IN THE GREAT CORPORATIONS.

The average yearly earnings of the owners of railways is just about equal to the yearly average of employees of railways.

Figure it out for yourself. There are 500,000 shareholders who receive \$30,000,000 in dividends; and 1,500,000 employees who receive \$900,000,000 in wages. Average \$600 each.

The savings banks have \$600,000,000 invested in railroad securities, in which every one of the 8,500,000 savers is interested. Banks and insurance companies own two billion dollars of railroad securities. Insurance companies have 25,000,000 policy holders and the banks have 15,000,000 accounts on their books. All these are seriously interested in the prosperity of the railroads.

A conservative estimate places the number of persons interested in corporations as 20,000,000.

U. S. Steel has 110,000 shareholders, of whom 35,000 are employees who own \$12,000,000 worth of stock. Harriman lines have 30,000 shareholders, nearly 12,000 of whom have bought since the anti-railway agitation commenced. Pennsylvania lines have 80,000, of whom 26,471 are women holding shares of the lines east of Pittsburgh. The sugar corporation has 20,000; Standard Oil 5,500; National Biscuit 7,500, of whom 2,400 are employees who own \$800,000 of the stock.

Since the slump of last fall the number of shareholders in 18 prominent railway and commercial enterprises has grown from 262,800 to 377,800, an increase of 114,500 or 43.5 per cent. In the eleven railways embraced in the above the increase in shareholders has been 57 per cent.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Even beauty has its price.

President W. O. Thompson of Ohio State University, in his address to the eleventh annual meeting of the Eastern Illinois Teachers' Association, said: "The Bible may be the means for teaching immorality if badly handled by teachers." He talked on "Morals in the Public Schools," and said the problem was personal with all teachers.

A sentence of 15 years in the State penitentiary and a fine of \$1000 have been imposed upon Edward Hugh Martin by Judge Cleland in the Circuit Court. A few minutes later Martin was taken back to his gloomy cell in the county jail, where he says he will await the decision of the Supreme Court upon his motion for a new trial, should the lower court refuse to grant it.

Stock exchanges all over Europe are reflecting the pessimistic outlook as to the success of the Balkan conference. The London market has slumped slowly but steadily since it became certain that both Austria and Bulgaria would reject the terms of the proposed program and that Germany would stand by Austria in the latter's every contention. Continental bourses report the same depression.

If you ever were a school teacher, the fact that you are not teaching now it will heighten your interest in this little story from Hartford, Conn. Having taught school or having a relative or friend who has been a teacher (nearly every one has taught school or had some one in the family who has) you know that the reward for unceasing labor is not always in the shape of \$\$\$\$\$. Not having kept at it long (perhaps on account of the necessity for greater remuneration, the \$\$\$\$\$ kind and its counterfeit that passes current in the home realm) you should be the better able to congratulate Mrs. Myra Alderman. Before Mrs. Alderman was Mrs. Alderman, that is to say while she was Miss Howe, she was engaged in the delightful task of making convolutions in the brains of youths of the Plainville neighborhood. That was 60 years ago, when the teacher was paid \$1 a week and "boarded round" where the parents of her pupils could tell what they really thought of her. Like many another woman after a little teaching experience, Miss Howe was quite ready for anything, matrimony included, when the right man came along, and though but 18, she did not do more blushing than the peculiar ideas of her days made imperative before saying "yes" to Farmer Alderman's partnership proposal. There were eight pupils, all boys, in Miss Howe's class and all of them were living until last April, when Albert F. Norton died. The other seven recently attended a reunion, called by Mrs. Alderman at her home in Hartford. Present were: D. A. Norton, aged 74, carpenter and builder; Ransom G. Gladding, 73, architect, builder and humorist; John P. Lewis, 72, politician; "Little" William Anderson, 70, farmer; and the baby of the class, Louis G. Gladding, 66, botanist. The party spent a happy day recounting incidents of school life and in listening to their former teacher's congratulations on having attained success. There is hope in this little reunion for all those who have taught school. Modern classes are larger, so the possibilities are greater. And how sweet the thought must be (sometimes) that one's children are scattered over the four quarters of the hemisphere, giving testimony (sometimes) to the quality of their youthful training.

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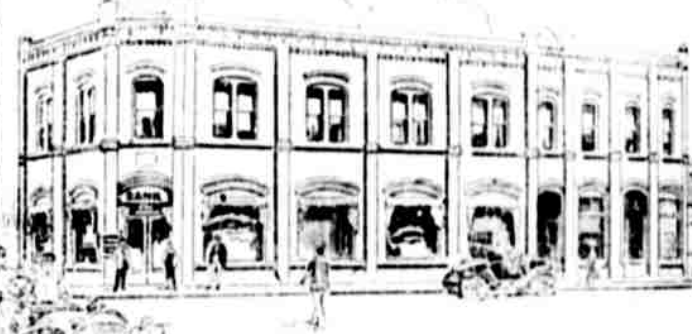
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